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In re the Application of:)
 Inventor: BURBANK, et al.) Group Art Unit: 2856
 Serial No.: 10/037,429)
 Filed: January 4, 2002) Examiner: WIGGINS, John
 For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LEAK)
 DETECTION IN BLOOD CIRCUITS)
 COMBINING EXTERNAL FLUID)
 DETECTION AND AIR INFILTRATION)
 DETECTION) Atty. Docket: 53951-055

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SUMMARY

A number of amendments to the Specification were suggested by the Office Action. These were adopted where applicable. The abstract is proposed to be replaced because the abstract field did not relate precisely to the claimed invention. Numerous amendments to the claims were also suggested by the Office Action and these have been implemented where applicable. Many of the suggested changes pertained to claims that are canceled in the current amendment. Applicants thank the Examiner for his suggested changes.

- Claims 1-4, 6-11, 16, 21-24, 26-37, 43-46, and 48-59 were rejected.
- Claims 5, 12-15, 25, 38, 42, and 60-64 were objected to but considered allowable. (These claims have been amended to place them in independent form and should therefore be allowable.)
- Claims 1-2, 4, 5-11, 16, 21, 24, 26-37, 43-46, and 48-59 are canceled in this response.
- Claims 3, 5, 12, 14, 17-20, 25, 38-42, 47, 60, and 62 are amended in this response
- Claims 65-83 are newly presented in this response.

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I. DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED (32 PAGES):

- Transmittal (1 page)
- Fee Transmittal for FY 2003 authorizing the Commissioner to Charge Deposit Account No. 16-2500 \$756.00 for extra claim fees (1 page)
- Amendment (30 pages)

II. PAYMENT OF FEES

- The Commissioner is authorized to charge Proskauer Rose LLP's Deposit Account No. 16-2500 for any fees not covered, in whole or in part, and to credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account No. 16-2500.

Respectfully submitted,
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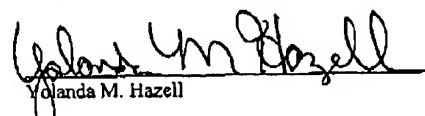
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